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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA AND SECURITY COUNCIL

1. MISOFF MET WITH OFFICERS OF FRENCH AND UK MISSIONS MAY 15. UK MISOFF WAS ACCOMPAINED BY SAMUEL OF UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON. GROUP BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DESIREABLE TO PROD SAG PRIOR TO VORSTER'S MAY 20 ADDRESS. DECISION BASED UPON AGREEMENT THAT ANY PRESSURE THIS LATE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO AFFECT CHANGE AND COULD EVEN HAVE A NEGATIVE INFLUCNCE; FURTHER, SHOULD VORSTER'S STATEMENT NOT BE PROMISING, AFTER WE HAD MADE SECOND APPROACH, WE THEN MIGHT BE IN POSITION OF HAVING TO MAKE A THIRD REPRESENTATION AFTER MAY 20. BRITISH INDICATED THAT IT WAS FOURIE WHO HAD TOLD THEM THAT NO MAJOR INITIATIVE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING MAY 20 (USUN 1584).

2. FRENCH REPORTED FOLLOWING RUMORS FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN SOUTH AFRICA CONCERNING POSSIBLE ELEMENTS IN VORSTER'S STATEMENT., LIKELINESS OF WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH FOURIE'S STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO RUMORS, TO WHICH FRENCH GIVE
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SOME VALUE, VORSTER MAY CALL MULTI-RACIAL CONSITUTIONAL CONVEN-

TION TO BEGIN MAY 20; MAY ANNOUNCE THAT SWA LEGISLATURE NO LONGER IS TO INCLUDE WHITE REPRESENTATIVES; MAY BANISH APARTHEID IN NAMIBIA; AND MAY GUARANTEE NAMIBIA'S RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

3. SHOULD VORSTER'S STATEMENT BE PROMISING, MISOFFS SUGGESTED THAT A POSSIBLE RESOLUTION AT UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING COULD CALL, INTER ALIA, FOR ANOTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING LATER, AND PROMOTION OF EFFORTS BY OAU CONTACT GROUP.

4. BIRTHS ARE SAYING QUITE PUBLICLY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO VETO ANY CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE IN A RESOLUTION: THEY STATED THIS AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AND AMB RICHARD REPORTEDLY SAID SO CLEARLY TO TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM MAY 14. HE WENT ON TO TELL SALIM THAT UK POSITION ON "MANDAORY ARMS EMBARGO" NOT DECIDED.

5. CONCERNING PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN TO TRIPARTITE DEMARCH, FRENCH AND BRITISH HERE PREFER TO AWAIT MAY 20 OUTCOME PRIOR TO MAKING DECISION. PRELIMINARILY, FRENCH OPPOSE EXCLUSIVELY APPROACHING CAPITALS TO PUBLICIZE APPROACH (PARA 4C USUN 1532).
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